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As a citizen of Delaware, I am gravely concerned about the tight regulations presented by DNREC's new vehicle emissions proposal of adopting California's Low Emission Vehicle III (LEV III).

Delawareans cannot afford the increased cost of these strict regulations. It was presented that this would add \$1900 to the cost of a vehicle. It is already estimated that regulations cost American taxpayers around \$1.8 trillion. That is trillion with a T. The average car cost around \$2600 in 1960 which is equivalent to around \$20,000 today. The average cost of a car today is around \$31,000 according to truecar.com. It can be argued that added cost is most due to regulations. I recently had the privilege of replacing a pump (the size of a fist) and a few small plastic valves which recirculates exhaust to improve emissions. I could not pass inspection without having this fixed. That cost was \$2,000. I'm sure that was not added to the \$1900 cost over the lifetime of the vehicle.

I don't know your personal stance on global warming AKA climate change, but it seems the state has totally jumped on board as adopting it as a fact. This "fact" is full of holes and faults especially recently with Artic ice growing and stagnate temperatures. The cyclical theory is starting to make a lot more sense. Of course, my opinion is not of popular opinion in the science community and lumps me in with Dr. Richard Lindzen (MIT professor). I think it is important to have a clean environment and to get off the dependency of oil but at what cost? Shall we sell our souls so to speak to do so? I feel that is what the state is doing here.

In closing, I'd like to stand in opposition to DNREC's proposal to adopt California's Low Emission Vehicle III (LEV III).

Thanks,

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